

# FLYING EAGLES

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June 17, 2004

### HAPPENINGS

- Summer Encampment 2004 scheduled for June 19th—25th.
- The show at the Etowah Bend airport... June 12th

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**I was so proud of the way both Cadets and Senior Members represented the 129th at the Battle of Resaca Reenactment.**

I want to report that the 129<sup>th</sup> represented itself in an extremely professional manner at the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Resaca.

The Squadron was represented by four (4) Senior Members: Geiger, Klein, Raybon and myself and eleven (11) Cadets: Posada, Calvanelli, Klein, Raybon, Watkins, Williams, Roberson, Holt, Mentzer, Dennison, and Mullaney.

The 129th joined with other cadets from the Calhoun, Rome, and Sandy Springs Squadrons in order to patrol and control the

## Commander's Corner

**With Captain Tom Calvanelli**

traffic and spectators from Friday at 4:30 PM until Sunday 3:30PM.

This was no easy task.

We only had eleven of our thirty cadets on hand for the event; yet our Cadets and Seniors pulled the majority of the duty (from Friday afternoon until midnight) because we were in place and equipped when we arrived.

There were ten duty stations that had to be manned at all times which spread us out pretty thin. This situation created longer periods on duty before being relieved, but it gives me great pleasure to report that our Squadron performed flawlessly.

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*Strength of the Nation*  
by Dr. Ilana Mor

**FLYING EAGLES**  
**BARTOW-ETOWAH**  
**SQUADRON**

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: LTC. SHIRLEY ARNOLD, LTC. LEE ARNOLD, COL. CHRIS FRANKLIN, COL. BEN GROVE, LTC. BEN STONE, (original Charter Member of the CAP), COL. VERN FOWLER, 1st. LT. GEORGE GEIGER, (son of Jack J. Geiger) and LT. COL. JAMES PARKS.



## THE JACK J. GEIGER COMPLEX

### HEADQUARTERS OF THE BARTOW-ETOWAH COMPOSITE SQUADRON GA:129

In September of 1996, when Major George Geiger joined the Bartow-Etowah Composite Squadron, there were about eight to ten Senior Members and about twelve Cadets. Meetings were held in a hanger, which at that time was a vintage aircraft museum and restoring facility. Eventually, the Squadron had so many members that there wasn't enough room for everyone.

Major Geiger was working at Lockheed and found out that the Conservation Department had four surplus *office trailers*. It took quite some time for *the big wheels* to consent, but eventually the trailers were donated to the Squadron.

Major Geiger takes great pride in the Civil Air Patrol and has been instrumental in creating the present headquarters of the Bartow-Etowah Squadron. He has secured many additional donations which include: lumber, paint, concrete blocks, electrical cables and hookup, decks, concrete, flower beds, and Bermuda sod.

The above photograph depicts the grand opening in September of 1999 of the Jack J. Geiger Complex, named in honor of Major George Geiger's father. Attending the ceremony were many Georgia Wing Staff Officers, including the Wing Commander Col. Chris Franklin.



# CIVIL AIR PATROL

## A MULTI-GENERATIONAL TRADITION

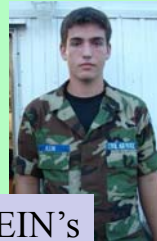
By Major George Geiger



THE CALVANELLIS



THE KLEIN's



Major George Gei-



Son Jason

(Picture unavailable)

Today there is a shopping mall and subdivision where my Dad, and I used to attend our Civil Air Patrol meetings. From 1959 through 1961, both my father and I were members of the Parkaire Composite Squadron of East Marietta. I was an Airman 1st Class and my father, Jack J. Geiger, was either a 1st Lt. or Captain. The closing of the airport marked the disbanding of our Squadron and the ending of a wonderful time of sharing between me and my Dad.

The years passed by. Years filled with the Vietnam War, the passing away of my father in 1989, my marriage, and the birth of my son Jason. Eventually, when Jason was of age, the time had come to join the Civil Air Patrol. I looked forward to sharing Civil Air Patrol activities with my son as my father had shared with me.

I began looking for a local Squadron for Jason and me to join, and Senior Member 1st Lt. Sanford Tapley, a Civil Air Patrol pilot, told me about the Cartersville Squadron. In September of 1996, Jason and I joined the Bartow-Etowah Composite Squadron.

Following family tradition, Jason entered the United States Military Services after High School graduation. Like his Grandfather Jack, Jason joined the Marines.

The Civil Air Patrol has been a part of my life since my youth. I am proud to say that the Civil Air Patrol continues to hold great importance for me.

**I encourage parents to take an active part in their Cadet's lives. The experience will be truly rewarding.**



Cadet Mullaney

Mike Mullaney, the Squadron Safety Officer, is his father. (picture unavailable)

THE BLAKE's



C/Lt Col Lutz  
Former Squadron Commander  
Mark Lutz is her father.  
(picture unavailable)



SM Jim Ray-  
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Cadet Raybon  
(on left)

# Tales From A Life Traveler

by Dr. Ilana Mor, Moral Leadership Officer

## FEAR AND TRIUMPH OVER ADVERSITY

Fear, whether real or imagined, is a distressing emotion that must be dealt with in one way or another. During this month's Moral Leadership Session, several speakers examined different aspects of fear and how it can be conquered.

**All men are frightened.  
The more intelligent they are,  
The more they are frightened..  
The courageous man  
Is the man who forces himself,  
In spite of his fear,  
To carry on.**

**General George Patton**



*Triumph Over Adversity* by Dr. Ilana Mor

President FDR led a fearful nation out of the Great Depression and WWII.

## IMAGINED IMPENDING DANGER, FAILURE, REJECTION

## F E A R

**False  
Events  
Appear  
Real**

<p><u>COURAGEOUS LEADERS</u>, like General George Patton, possess a higher or nobler kind of bravery resulting from an inborn quality of mind or spirit.</p>	<p><u>FEARLESS PEOPLE</u>, like the New York fire-fighters during the 9/11 incident, demonstrated unflinching spirit and coolness in the face of danger.</p>	<p><u>VALIANT WARRIORS</u> demonstrate <i>courage under fire</i>. They possess an inner strength that is manifested by brave deeds, often in battle.</p>
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## BRAVERY IS THE ABILITY TO FACE DANGER OR DIFFICULTIES WITH MORAL STRENGTH AND ENDURANCE.

### OUR SPEAKERS SHARED THOUGHTS ABOUT OVERCOMING FEAR

#### **Fear of the Unknown**

Speaker: Major La Rosa

Major Orlando La Rosa, the Air Force liaison to the Civil Air Patrol, talked with the Squadron about fear of the unknown. He explained that there are times in the military when one must travel abroad.

*Everyone feels fear, he explained. The best thing to do is to prepare yourself in advance. The more you know about the unknown, the less you are afraid.*

[Knowledge Conquers Fear](#)

#### **Fear vs Bravery**

Speaker: Cadet Williams

Cadet Williams shared thoughts about fear and a job that must be done. It was his interest in Fear vs Bravery that was the impetus for the ML Session.

Be sure to read his article on Page 7

#### **Courage Conquers Fear**

Speaker: Major Geiger, Recipient of The Purple Heart

Major Geiger amazed the Squadron with stories about *courage under fire* during The Vietnam War. During the War, it was his responsibility to evacuate wounded soldiers from battle. While performing his duties, he was wounded in action and was nearly captured by the enemy.

When asked how he managed to deal with fear he said: *I had a job to do, so I concentrated on the job and not on the fear. I always knew that I was watched over and protected by a Higher Power.*

#### **The Dark Night of the Soul**

Speaker: Dr. Ilana Mor

Most people experience a Dark Night of the Soul when their hopes and dreams have been destroyed. They are paralyzed with fear of the unknown; but with moral strength and endurance, they can triumph over adversity.

**Fear can be conquered.**

# FROM THE SUPPLY

The Supply Room has recently acquired fifteen (15) Class A jackets and twelve (12) pair of Class A pants.

I know you guys and girls are *GROWING LIKE WEEDS*, so if your Class A`s are getting snug, either

1. You are growing out of them, or
2. You are getting fat.

Hopefully, it is Number One or  
**MORE PT, CADET!**

Bring it in and let's see if we have something we can swap out with you.

**DON'T THROW WHAT DOES-  
N'T FIT**

Summer Camp is coming up and you will need a good Class A or B uniform for that. Also if you need more brown T-shirts, you had better let me know so I can get them to you before Summer Camp.

Sometime after Summer Camp, I'm going to need some help on a Saturday to re-organize the field gear shed and the uniform trailer. You'll be reminded.

Also we will be planning a Complex Work Day and Cookout soon.  
**BE READY!**

Now! Let's get serious.

**I need the names, addresses and blood types of all active cadets in the squadron.**

For what reason, you ask.

**I am preparing ID Tags (DOG Tags) for all active cadets in the squadron.** You will receive two (2) tags and two (2) chains. One tag will hang around your neck and the other will be secured onto your gear duffle bag. Finally, you'll be able to identify your bag in a pile.

## Good News!

**I am also working on fabricating a Guide-on** for you guys and girls. It's going to take some time, but you know that you can count on me to get the job done. You have been without for a long time and I feel you deserve it.

Well, that's about it from the Supply Room. See you next month!

*As you were...  
Carry on...  
I'll be in the area!*

**Maj. Geiger**



# MAY 14, 15, 16

## The Battle of Resaca

### Reenactment

#### REPORT ON THE RESACA TRIP

From Lieutenant Eric Klein

If you have an interest in American History, particularly in the Civil War, then The Battle of Resaca Reenactment was where you needed to be. The Cadets and Senior Members who attended this event received an enlightening look at this turbulent and tragic era of our nation's history.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of working at this event was meeting interesting and diverse people from all walks of life. In addition to observing the events around us, we were also able to sharpen our planning, coordinating, management, communication and safety skills.

**Our jobs were made easier  
because of the support given to us  
by the event coordinators,  
The Georgia Reenactors Association, Inc.**

Our camp was set up near the entrance of the event, on high ground with modern tents and warm sleeping bags. We were also supplied with plenty of good food and water.

This is in sharp contrast to the conditions of the real Civil War soldiers. Also, in an effort to maintain authenticity many of the reenactors elect to duplicate the Civil War era conditions by "roughing it".

After experiencing this reenactment I can better imagine the people of 1861 praying for rain to help keep the dust down, then praying for clear skies to end the muddy conditions. I can also image the people of 1861 wishing for good food and warm beds as they only received poor nutrition and the hard ground.

We have other events coming up that the Cadets can participate in. I would encourage us all to take the opportunity to learn about our past and meet new friends.

See you in the camp.

## Commander's Corner

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Well into the night on Friday and again on Saturday morning, we facilitated the movement of the Union and Confederate infantry and artillery participants to their proper parking areas.

**I cannot tell you how proud I was of the Squadron.** I watched as our cadets directed large trucks towing massive artillery pieces to their proper areas. The drivers, who looked like soldiers returning from battle, wanted to go elsewhere; but, I saw our cadets hold their ground and follow their orders. Even when confronted by nice people who wanted to do something that was not allowed; our cadets followed their orders. In the end, everyone complied with us because we looked and acted like professionals.

I was told that at the Saturday night dance, when the band played the Star Spangled Banner, **only our cadets stood at attention out of the whole group.** This was noticed by a lady who passed it on to Major Geiger.

Once again, you should be commended for your level of professionalism.

As we marched to take our positions on the battle line, the Union Forces passed by with their band playing. We stopped to let the Union forces take the field, came to attention, and saluted their flag. They, in turn, saluted us. **It was a moment of respect that I will never forget.**

To a man, those that participated said they would like to do this again. We plan to be at Resaca next year, and I hope that all of the Squadron will participate. This is an event that we should not miss.

I told Captain Cunningham that we would like to do the Battle of Tunnel Hill in September. It is a much smaller event, and will not need as many participants. He said that he will consider it and let us know.





# FEAR AND A JOB THAT MUST BE DONE

*Thoughts by General George S. Patton, Jr.*

By Cadet R.S. Williams

“Men, all this stuff you've heard about America not wanting to fight, wanting to stay out of the war, is a lot of horse dung. Americans traditionally love to fight. All real Americans love the sting of battle.” You hear on the news every night that the war in Iraq is the next Vietnam. But the words above by George S. Patton were true in WWII and are true for our soldiers today in Iraq. A year ago, when President Bush landed on an aircraft carrier and declared, “major hostilities” were over; Americans stood united behind our soldiers. Patton’s words for inspiring bravery were necessary for the soldiers of the Third Army in WWII. Even though his words were said sixty years ago, they are just as important to our soldiers walking war-torn streets today.

Patton is one of the United States’ most famous Generals, easily recognized by his pearl-handled pistols. You could say that the military was his life, from his graduation from West Point Military Academy in 1909 to the Battle of the Bulge at the end of WWII. His ruthlessness and tactical brilliance as a tank commander won him the nickname “Old Blood and Guts.” Patton was a genius in the art of war. He finished writing his book, War As I Knew It, four days before he died in an accident. Let’s look together at some of his powerful words and see how they apply to us today.

“The soldier is the Army. No Army is better than its soldiers. The soldier is also a citizen. In fact, the highest obligation and privilege of citizenship is that of bearing arms for one’s country. Hence it is a proud privilege to be a soldier—a good soldier (Patton, 317).”

*When the time comes for you to put on your uniform, consider that by wearing that uniform you are saying, “I will lay down my life for my God and my country”. And that is, I think, the proudest oath to live by.*

“To be a good soldier a man must have discipline, self respect, pride in his unit and in his country, a high sense of duty and obligation to his comrades and to his superiors, and self-confidence born of demonstrated ability (Patton 319).”

## THE HIGHEST OBLIGATION AND PRIVILEGE OF CITIZENSHIP IS THAT OF BEARING ARMS FOR ONE’S COUNTRY

*This means every person in your unit is there to defend your country with you. You must learn to trust them like brothers if you plan to succeed. You must have pride and confidence in your leaders and friends to make the right decisions as much as you do yourself.*

“No sane man is unafraid in battle, but discipline produces in him a form of vicarious courage which, with his manhood, makes for victory (Patton 319).”

*There is almost no way you can avoid it, you are going to be scared. But if you realize that you must get the job done, you will keep going. Now that we have guided missiles and other technologies we use for warfare, we forget how brave a person must be to walk down the war-torn streets of Fallujah.*

“If we take the generally accepted definition of bravery as a quality which knows not fear, I have never seen a brave man. All men are frightened. The more intelligent they are, the more they are frightened. The courageous man is the man who forces himself, in spite of his fear, to carry on. Discipline, pride, self-respect, self confidence, and the love of glory are attributes which will make a man courageous even when he is afraid (Patton 322).”

*Patton’s words were very powerful words indeed. His words inspired the soldiers of the Third Army to defeat the Axis forces. His words can still echo through the years to inspire our men and women in the Armed Forces to complete our mission to defeat those that want to harm us.*

*Pray for our soldiers every day.*

War as I Knew It, George S. Patton, Jr., c. 1947

# CADET CAPERS

## CURRENT MONTHLY SCHEDULE for CADETS



Cadet Leaders: Posada, Blake, Calvinelli

WEEK (S)	TIME	ACTIVITY	LEADER
ONE	6:30 – 7:00	Drill Team Formation	Posada, (Sr.Member)
	7:00	(Current Events)	
	7:15 – 8:30	PT	Calvanelli, Blake, Posada
	8:30 – 9:00	Leadership Formation	Lutz, Calvanelli
TWO	6:30 – 7:00	Drill Team Formation	Posada, Mor
	7:00	(Current Events)	
	7:15 – 8:30	AE	Holt
	8:30 – 9:00	Study Group (Current Leadership)	Posada, Mor
	8:30 – 9:00	Study Group (Individual + AE)	Calvanelli, Blake
THREE	6:30 – 7:00	Drill Team Formation	Posada, Mor
	7:00	(Current Events)	
	7:15 – 8:30	ES	Blake, Posada
	8:30 – 9:00	Study Group (Current Leadership)	Posada, Mor
	8:30 – 9:00	Study Group (Individual + AE)	Calvanelli, Blake
FOUR	6:30 – 7:00	Drill Team (Color Guard)	Posada, Mor
	7:00	Formation	
		(Current Events)	
	7:15 -	Testing	Holt, Klein
		Trailer Clean-up	
		Conferences-if needed	Calvanelli, Mor
	8:00 – 9:00	Moral Leadership	Mor
	9:00	Formation	

**DURING THE MONTH OF MAY**  
INDIVIDUAL CADET CONFERENCES WERE HELD IN THE CADET OFFICE FOR THE  
PURPOSE OF EVALUATING EACH CADET'S PROGRESS AND FUTURE GOALS.





*It is a great honor to be the Commander of the Bartow-Etawah Composite Squadron: GA 129. It is a privilege to work with an outstanding group of volunteers who care about making this part of the world a better place to live. All of the senior members participate in one way or another to facilitate the proper functioning of the Squadron. I greatly appreciate what has been done so far, and look forward to a wonderful future.*

*Commander Tom Calvanelli*

## **Bartow-Etawah Squadron Senior Members**

<b>Squadron Commander</b>	<b>Tom Calvanelli</b>
<b>Deputy Commander of Seniors</b>	<b>George Geiger</b>
<b>Deputy Commander of Cadets</b>	<b>Ilana Mor</b>
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<b>Finance</b>	<b>Pat Bestafka</b>
<b>Logistics</b>	<b>George Geiger</b>
<b>Moral Leadership</b>	<b>Ilana Mor</b>
<b>Aerospace Education/Testing Officer</b>	<b>David Holt</b>
<b>Operations/Assistant Testing Officer</b>	<b>Eric Klein</b>
<b>Administration/Personnel</b>	<b>Jim Raybon</b>
<b>Safety Officer</b>	<b>Mike Mullaney</b>
<b>Flight Operations</b>	<b>Mike Fouts</b>
<b>Public Affairs Officer</b>	<b>Ilana Mor</b>
<b>Website/Flying Eagle Editors-in-Chief</b>	<b>Eric Klein/Ilana Mor</b>
<b>Air Force Liaison to CAP</b>	<b>Major Orlando La Rosa</b>

**MEET SENIOR MEMBER DAVID HOLT,  
NEWLY APPOINTED  
AEROSPACE EDUCATION/TESTING OFFICER**



# UPCOMING SQUADRON EVENTS

**June 19-25**

**Cadet Summer Encampment**

You can go to the National Website at [www.cap.gov](http://www.cap.gov) and look up CAP Regulation 52-16 Cadet Program Management to get an idea of what is going on.



## TIDBITS

### LAST MONTH'S SQUADRON ACTIVITIES



**May 7,8,9  
May 14,15,16  
June 12**

**NAS Atlanta Air Show  
Reenactment at Resaca, GA.  
Work Air Show @ Etowah Bend Airport**

### TWO WAYS TO SUBMIT AN ARTICLE FOR THE FLYING EAGLES NEWSLETTER:

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